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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 GIZMO BEVERAGES, INC., a Delaware
13 corporation,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 DON L. PARK, an individual, DANIEL
17 PARK, an individual, and
18 RAMBLEWOOD HOLDINGS, LTD., a
19 British Virgin Islands corporation,

20 Defendant.

Case No.: 2:17-cv-4431

COMPLAINT FOR:

- 21 **1. TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT**
- 22 **2. CYBERPIRACY; and**
- 23 **3. CONVERSION**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

24 Plaintiff Gizmo Beverages, Inc. (Gizmo), based on its own information and
25 belief, and upon the investigation of its attorneys, alleges as follows.
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I.

Introduction

1. This is a civil action against Defendants Don L. Park, Daniel Park, and Ramblewood Holdings Ltd. (collectively Defendants) for Trademark Infringement and Cyberpiracy under the Lanham Act 15 U.S.C. § 1051, et seq., and Conversion under California common law.

II.

Parties

2. Gizmo is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located in Tempe, Arizona. Gizmo is, and was at all relevant times, qualified to do business in California.

3. Don L. Park (a.k.a. Dong Sung Park) is Gizmo's former Chairman and one of its largest shareholders (either personally or through his various trusts). Don Park is, and at all relevant times was, a California citizen domiciled in Orange County, California.

4. Daniel Park is Don Park's cousin. Daniel Park is, and at all relevant times was, a California citizen domiciled in Orange County, California.

5. Ramblewood Holdings Ltd. (Ramblewood) is a British Virgin Islands Corporation. Although it purports its principal place of business is located in Los Angeles, it does not appear the California Secretary of State has qualified it to conduct business in this State. Park is the Chairman and majority owner of Ramblewood.

6. In doing the acts and transactions alleged in this complaint, Defendants aided & abetted each other by knowingly, and willingly providing substantial assistance to one other.

7. In doing the acts and transactions alleged in this complaint, Defendants conspired with each other by mutually agreeing to act in concert to accomplish a

1 common and unlawful plan, and one or all of them committed an overt act in
2 furtherance of their plan.

3 8. In connection with the acts and transactions alleged in this complaint,
4 Defendants were the alter egos of each other because they influenced and governed
5 each other with a degree of unity of interest and ownership to the point the
6 difference between individuality and separateness ceased to exist. Adhering to the
7 fiction that the Defendants have a separate existence would sanction a fraud and
8 promote injustice.

9 **III.**

10 **Jurisdiction and venue**

11 9. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over Gizmo's Lanham Act
12 claims, under 15 U.S.C. § 1121 and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(c).

13 10. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over Gizmo's state-law claim
14 for conversion under 15 U.S.C. § 1332 because Gizmo is a citizen of the British Virgin
15 Islands, the Defendants are all citizens of California, and the amount in controversy is
16 greater than \$75,000.

17 11. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Gizmo's pendant state-law
18 claim under 28 U.S.C. § 1367 because Gizmo's state-law claim is integrally interrelated
19 with Gizmo's federal claims and arise from a common nucleus of operative facts such
20 that the administration of Gizmo's state-law claim with its federal claims furthers the
21 interest of judicial economy.

22 12. This Court has personal jurisdiction over each Defendant because each
23 Defendant is a citizen of California.

24 13. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because
25 Defendants reside in this judicial district and the acts giving rise this action took place
26 in this district.

IV.
Facts

14. In approximately 1996, a Scottish inventor named Bernard Frutin invented the Gizmo Closure and Delivery Device (the Device). Basically, the Device is a closure (i.e. bottle cap) that stores fresh ingredients inside a nitrogen-pressurized, oxygen-depleted chamber. This keeps the ingredients sealed and fresh without preservatives, protects them from oxidation, and prevents harmful exposure to UV light. When the Device is twisted, the ingredients are propelled from the chamber and instantly mix with the liquid inside the bottle. The Gizmo has potentially limitless applications, including use in flavored waters, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, dairy products, cosmetics, and household, agricultural, pharmaceutical, and specialty products.

15. In April 2001, Frutin, through his company Rocept Lusol Holdings, Ltd (Rocept Lusol) filed a trademark application with the European Union's Intellectual Property Office for the mark "Gizmo." The EUIPO registered that mark to Rocept Lusol in March 2003.

16. In November 2007, Rocept Lusol registered the domain name www.gizmoclosures.com with the International Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

17. At some point before 2010, Rocept Lusol licensed or otherwise transferred the "Gizmo" trademark and www.gizmoclosures.com domain name to another company owned by Frutin called Gizmo Packaging Limited (GPL). GPL also owns the Device's global patent rights.

18. In June 2010, one of the Defendants registered the domain name www.gizmoclosure.com (i.e. www.gizmoclosures.com without the "s"). Ramblewood then created at least three different email addresses using this domain name:

(1) don.park@gizmoclosure.com; (2) Daniel.park@gizmoclosure.com and
(3) info@gizmoclosure.com.

1 19. A few months later, in September 2010, Ramblewood entered into a
2 Master License Agreement with GPL. Under the Master License, Ramblewood agreed
3 to pay GPL a consulting fee, minimum payments, and royalties. In exchange, GPL
4 granted Ramblewood an exclusive worldwide license to use the Device's various
5 patents. The Master License also licensed GPL's Intellectual Property to Ramblewood,
6 including the right to use the registered trademark "Gizmo" and the registered
7 domain name "www.gizmoclosures.com."

8 20. In early 2011, Don Park began working with a beverage executive
9 named Walter Apodaca on several different beverage concepts to showcase the
10 Device to potential investors and companies interested in using the Device for their
11 products. They eventually settled on a line of ready-to-drink iced teas called "Tea Of
12 A Kind" (TOAK).

13 21. Shortly thereafter, Don Park hired his cousin, Daniel Park, to help him
14 and Apodaca with various administrative tasks. One such task was to open an
15 account with GoDaddy.com in order to register a domain name for TOAK. In May
16 2011, Daniel Park opened a GoDaddy account and registered the domain name
17 "www.teaofakind.com" with ICANN. Daniel Park listed himself as the "Registrant
18 Contact," "Admin Contact," and "Tech Contact" for www.teaofkind.com. He is still
19 listed as the contact person today.

20 22. In July 2011, Don Park formed Gizmo as a Delaware Limited Liability
21 Company. Originally, Park was Gizmo's only member. A few months later, Apodaca
22 and two other individuals became members as well. Park and Apodaca were named
23 Gizmo's managing members and they were the only two members who received Class
24 A Units, which came with various preferred rights and privileges.

25 23. In January 2012, Ramblewood and Gizmo entered into a Sublicense
26 Agreement under which Gizmo obtained Rocept Lusol's right to use the Device's
27 global patents for consumer beverages (the Beverage Sublicense).
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1 24. In August 2012, Gizmo commercially launched TOAK. A few months
2 later, on November 27, 2012, the United States Patent and Trademark registered
3 "Tea Of A Kind" as Gizmo's valid, protectable trademark.

4 25. In December 2013, Gizmo converted into a Delaware Corporation.
5 Park's Class A units became Class A Shares, which like before, had various preferred
6 rights and privileges, including ten-to-one voting rights over the Class B Shares.

7 26. By January 2016, Ramblewood was approximately \$400,000 behind in
8 paying GPL what it owed under the Master License. Thus, on or about January 18,
9 2016, GPL terminated the Master License.

10 27. GPL subsequently offered to license the Device's rights directly to Gizmo
11 on two conditions. First, Gizmo had to pay GPL the approximately \$400,000 owed by
12 RHL. Second, Park could no longer have any management role with, or ability to
13 control, Gizmo. Park—who was still one of Gizmo's largest shareholder and, thus, had
14 the most to lose if Gizmo lost its rights to the Device—agreed to these conditions.

15 28. Accordingly, on March 24, 2016, Gizmo filed an Amended and Restated
16 Certificate of Incorporation that eliminated Class A Shares' preferred voting rights.

17 29. On April 1, 2016, Gizmo entered into a new Master License Agreement
18 with GPL. Under the new agreement, Gizmo now had the right to use the Device's
19 global patents, as well as the trademark "Gizmo", and the domain name
20 www.gizmoclosures.com.

21 30. Although Gizmo has made repeated demands that he stop, Don Park
22 continues to send and receive emails using his don.park@gizmoclosure.com.

23 31. Further, Gizmo is aware that, after Don Park ceased to have any role in
24 managing the company, at least two companies interested in using the Device for
25 their products sent inquires to www.info@gizmoclosure.com. Although Don Park
26 forwarded these inquires to Gizmo, there is no way for Gizmo to know whether he
27 has received any other inquires that he has not forwarded to the company. Indeed,
28 Gizmo is informed and believes that Don Park recently offered to sell someone the

1 Device's patent rights for pharmaceuticals despite the fact Ramblewood no longer has
2 any rights to them.

3 32. In addition, despite repeated requests, Don Park and Daniel Park refuse
4 to turn over the log-in information for Gizmo's GoDaddy.com account. As a result,
5 they control the domain name www.teaofakind.com. Thus, they have the ability to
6 transfer the domain name to themselves or sell it to a third party. They also have the
7 ability to terminate the account all together, which would among other things,
8 prevent Gizmo from using www.teaofakind.com for marketing purposes and its
9 employees from using their current "@teaofakind.com" email address to communicate
10 with third parties.

11 **V.**

12 **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

13 First

14 Against all Defendants for Trademark Infringement

15 33. Gizmo re-alleges and incorporates by reference all the preceding
16 allegations into this claim for relief.

17 34. The domain name www.gizmoclosures.com is a valid, protectable
18 trademark.

19 35. GPL owns the trademark rights to www.gizmoclosures.com. Gizmo has
20 the exclusive right to use that mark under its Master Licenses agreement with GPL.

21 36. Defendants' had both actual and constructive knowledge that Gizmo
22 held the exclusive rights to use these trademarks before infringing on that mark.

23 37. Defendants' infringing use of the www.gizmoclosure.com is likely to
24 cause, and has caused, confusion, mistake or deception as to the affiliation,
25 connection or association of www.gizmoclosure.com with Gizmo, in violation of 15.
26 U.S.C. 1125(a)(1)(A).

27 38. Defendants adopted and continue to use www.gizmoclosure.com with
28 full knowledge of Gizmo's superior rights, and with full knowledge that their infringing

1 use of www.gizmoclosure.com was intended to cause confusion, mistake or
2 deception.

3 39. Defendants' actions, if not enjoined, will continue. Gizmo has suffered
4 and continues to suffer damages in an amount to be proven at trial consisting of,
5 among other things, diminution in the value of and goodwill associated with
6 www.gizmoclosures.com and injury to Gizmo's business. Thus, Gizmo is entitled to
7 injunctive relief under 15 U.S.C. § 1116.

8 Second

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10 Against all Defendants for Cyberpiracy

11 40. Gizmo re-alleges and incorporates by reference all the preceding
12 allegations into this claim for relief.

13 41. The domain name www.gizmoclosures.com is a valid, protectable
14 trademark. Gizmo has the exclusive right to use this trademark under its Master
15 License with GPL.

16 42. Gizmo owns the domain name www.teaofakind.com, which is a
17 registered trademark with the USPTO.

18 43. Don Park and Ramblewood both had actual and constructive knowledge
19 that Gizmo held the exclusive rights to use these domains before infringing on them.

20 44. Don Park and Ramblewood adopted and continue to use the domain
21 names in bad faith.

22 45. Defendants have used, and continue to use, domain names that are
23 identical or confusingly similar to Gizmo's distinctive trademarks in violation of 15.
24 U.S.C. § 1125(d)(1)(A).

25 46. Defendants' actions, if not enjoined, will continue. Gizmo has suffered
26 and continues to suffer damages in an amount to be proven at trial consisting of,
27 among other things, diminution in the value of and goodwill associated with
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1 www.gizmoclosures.com and injury to Gizmo's business. Thus, Gizmo is entitled to
2 injunctive relief under 15 U.S.C. § 1116.

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4 Third

5 Against all Defendants for Conversion

6 47. Gizmo re-alleges and incorporates by reference all the preceding
7 allegations into this claim for relief.

8 48. Defendants intentionally and substantially interfered with Gizmo's
9 property by preventing Gizmo from having full access to www.teaofakind.com by
10 refusing to provide Gizmo with log-in information for Gizmo's GoDaddy account.

11 49. Gizmo did not consent to Defendants denying it full access to
12 www.teaofakind.com

13 50. Gizmo was harmed by Defendants' conversion of Gizmo's property.

14 51. Park and Daniel Park's conduct was a substantial factor in causing
15 Gizmo's harm.

16 **VI.**

17 **Prayer for relief**

18 WHEREFORE, Gizmo prays for an Order and Judgment as follows:

19 1. Entry of an order (on a preliminary and permanent basis) requiring that
20 Defendants and their officers, agents, servants, employees, owners and
21 representatives, and all other persons, firms or corporations in active concert or
22 participation with them, be enjoined and restrained from:

23 a. Using in any manner the Gizmo mark, or any name, mark, or domain
24 name that wholly incorporates the Gizmo mark or is confusingly
25 similar to this mark, including www.gizmoclosure.com; and

26 b. Doing any act or thing calculated or likely to cause confusion or
27 mistake in the minds of members of the public or prospective
28 customers of Gizmo's products or services as to the source of the

1 products or services offered for sale, distributed, or sold, or likely to
2 deceive members of the public, or prospective customers, into
3 believing that there is some connection between Defendants and
4 Gizmo.

5 2. Directing Defendants to transfer to Gizmo (at no cost to Gizmo) all
6 domain names that contain or consist of Gizmo's marks, including but not limited to
7 www.gizmoclosure.com and www.teaofakind.com;

8 3. Awarding Gizmo compensatory damages in an amount to be determined
9 by trial;

10 4. Awarding Gizmo, to the extent permitted by law, pre-judgment interest,
11 costs and legal fees; and

12 5. Any other relief that may be justified based upon the facts and the law.

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14 **VII.**

15 **Jury demand**

16 Under Rule 38, Gizmo demands a jury trial on all issues triable of a right by
17 jury.

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